**Aiding Classroom Instruction at Home**

**Literacy**:

\* Read with your child everyday/night in English and/or your Mother Tongue!!!\*

* Practice singing or saying the ABC’s
* When your child draws a picture encourage them to write about the picture. They can just write the sounds they hear or actual words as they get better at writing.
* Ask your child to identify letters in the text as you are reading a story together
* Practice writing the alphabet letters at home
* Help your child write a letter to a friend or their grandparents
* Ask your child what they think will happen next when you are reading a story
* Ask your child questions about the story as you are reading it and when you finish it
* Ask your child about the characters in the story (Are they nice?, Would you want to be their friend?, Do you think they are a risk-taker?, etc.)
* As your child’s ability increase have your child read to you
* Work on sequencing with your child (beginning, middle, end)
* Get a library card with your child (library in the Rynek has an English, Korean, and maybe Japanese section and it costs 5-10 PLN)
* Help your child write a letter to their favorite author
* Work with your child on rhyming (can be done by reading rhyming books, singing rhyming songs, rhyming chants, etc.)
* Make sure you have a literacy rich environment at home (lots of books, newspapers, magazines in any language)
* Look for good picture books to read with your child (Will give list of 100 best picture books, Caldecott winners, etc.)
* Show your child you love and support reading and writing!!! ☺

**Math:**

* Practice counting with your child (you can just orally count or ask them to give you 3 bananas, 2 books, etc.)
* Ask your child to find a red shirt, blue socks, green LEGO, brown bear, etc. (Use colors to help identify objects and get your child thinking about colors)
* Ask your child about the shape of different objects
* Use the clock to tell your child how much longer they have or when you are leaving, etc.
* Practice writing numbers
* Show your child how you use measurement in your life when cooking, building, painting, etc.
* Help your child write recipes for different concoctions they are making outside or inside (math and literacy)
* Show your child graphs in books or the newspaper and show them how you use them and read them to help you know what is going on
* Play board games, dice games, sequencing, and counting games with your child
* Work on counting backwards (can make it a race when they get good)
* Have your child read the numbers on car’s license plates
* Number Hunts: Tell your child to see how many number 7’s or any number they can find in your house, in the Rynek, while driving, etc.
* Sing number songs (Monkeys jumping on the bed, Monkeys swinging from a tree, etc.)
* Help or encourage your child to create patterns with beads, leaves, coloring, etc. They can also look for patterns around them.

**Fine Motor Skills:**

* Work on buttoning and unbuttoning jackets, shirts, pants, etc.
* Thread shoe strings through holes
* Work on correctly forming letters
* Practice drawing letters in the air
* Play with small toys that need to be connected and taken apart like LEGOS